



2682  
JFW

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application

Inventors: Wong, et al.  
SC/Serial No.: 09/847,005  
Confirm. No.: 5364  
Filed: May 2, 2001  
Title: Network Communication System Using Assigned  
Timeslots For Nodes To Request A Bandwidth  
Amount For Data Transmission With A Resulting  
Grant For The Node To Transmit


PATENT APPLICATION

Art Unit: 2682  
Examiner: Yuwen Pan

Customer No. 23910

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8**

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited in the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to **Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**, on November 15, 2004

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Thomas A. Ward, Reg. No. (35,732)  
Signature Date: November 15, 2004 (Attorney Signature)

**INTERVIEW SUMMARY FOR INTERVIEW CONDUCTED  
OCTOBER 12, 2004**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The Advisory Action mailed October 15, 2004 requests that Applicant provide an interview summary in addition to the Examiner's statement from the telephone conference held on October 12, 2004. Accordingly, provided below is the summary of discussions from the telephone interview held (October 12, 2004) between the undersigned, Thomas A. Ward, and Examiner Yuwen Pan. Also present for the interview was Sam Wood, who previously submitted a declaration on October 6, 2004.

In the interview Examiner Pan initially indicated he had reviewed the Interview Summary along with Declarations from Sam Wood and Dr. Udo Pooch submitted on October 6, 2004.

Regarding the definition of "bandwidth," Examiner Pan stated that he believed there were two possible requests for channel access time that would fall under the definition of bandwidth. First, a bandwidth request could be to give a single requester all the access time available on a channel, indicating bandwidth requested would be the system data transmission rate, e.g. 6 bit/sec. Second, a bandwidth request can be from one of multiple requesters, each desiring a fractional amount of total bits that could be transmitted during a time period, e.g. for a 6 bit/sec system rate with three requesters having 2 bits each to transmit, each requester will get a bandwidth of 2 bits/second. The Examiner agreed with the Declarations of Mr. Wood and Dr. Pooch, indicating that sufficient written description was provided in Applicants' specification to support the second bandwidth request. But, the Examiner did not agree the first bandwidth request definition was supported.

The Examiner stated that he believed that by changing the term "bandwidth" to "data," a term he believed was supported by the Application, the present Section 112 rejection could be overcome. The Examiner suggested amending the claims to change "bandwidth" to "data" with an RCE after receipt of his Advisory Action.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 11/15/04

By: Thomas A. Ward  
Thomas A. Ward  
Reg. No. 35,732

FLIESLER MEYER LLP  
Four Embarcadero Center, Fourth Floor  
San Francisco, California 94111-4156  
Telephone: (415) 362-3800